



The Christian Science Monitor, in collaboration with the National Foundation for Women Legislators, is now accepting applications for its annual \$2,500 educational award for a young woman who has contributed outstanding service to her community. June 2004 graduates who qualify are invited to apply for this award.



Application for the CSM/NFWL College Freshman Award Sponsored by The Christian Science Monitor in collaboration with The National Foundation for Women Legislators

An annual educational award of \$2,500 has been established by The Christian Science Monitor to honor the inspired and selfless service of a college-bound young woman who is graduating from high school and has made a significant contribution to the well-being of young people in her community. The award also covers the recipient's travel expenses to attend the National Foundation for Women Legislators' Annual Conference in November 2004.

Both The Christian Science Monitor and the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL) are committed to nurturing and protecting the lives of young people in America, supporting initiatives that promote a feeling of hope in young people, and responding to the need for legislative remedies that protect the rights and welfare of children. Mary Baker Eddy founded the Monitor in 1908, stating that its main objective is to "injure no man, but to bless all mankind." Headquartered in Boston, it is an award-winning daily newspaper that has a reputation for its unbiased, fair, constructive, and insightful reporting. Its care in reporting possible solutions – not just problems – adds perspective and balance often missing in other news media. NFWL is a non-partisan organization that provides educational programs to members of the National Order of Women Legislators – current and former state legislators – and women serving as members of Congress, governors, and lieutenant governors. Founded in 1938, NFWL is the first and only women's legislative organization and one of the oldest professional women's organizations in the country.

The Award Committee will consider outstanding volunteer or paid service work that promotes the welfare of young people or demonstrates leadership in creating a new approach, program, strategy, or initiative that benefits them. If you feel you are qualified for the award, you should provide some evidence of continuity in the work you have performed. You must be able to submit two highly supportive personal reference letters. One of them should specifically speak to the nature and quality of your community service work and how it has benefited or influenced the lives of young people. You must also write a one-page essay that may be published – with the help of an editor – in the Monitor. It should tell how you were motivated to do this work, why this work is important in improving the well-being of young people, what you believe it has accomplished, and what you learned from this experience. If you feel that you meet or could satisfy these requirements, you are encouraged to apply for this award.

**Deadline for submission of this application: June 30, 2004
Award recipient named: August 2, 2004**

Please submit your application, reference letters, and essay to:
CSM/NFWL Award Committee
910 16th Street, NW, Suite 100
Washington DC 20006

Checklist for completion of this application:

1. Have I filled in every blank and checked every box?
2. Do I have the two required personal letters of reference?
 3. Have I completed the one-page essay?
 4. Have I signed and dated the application?
5. Have I put enough postage on the envelope?

Please print or type:

Applicant's name: _____

Home address: _____
(Number and street) (Apt. number)

(City) (State) (Zip code)

Home phone: _____
(Area code/number)

Parent or guardian name(s): _____

Parent or guardian's address, if different from yours: _____

(Street address) (City/state/zip code)

Name of high school: _____

Street address: _____

City/state/zip code: _____

What month and year will you graduate? ____/____/____
To which colleges or universities have you applied or do you intend to apply?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Please list your primary community service position or job title: *(Please include other community service work on additional pages.)* _____

What is the name of the organization? _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Telephone number _____

Name of your supervisor: _____ Title: _____

Briefly describe what you do: _____

What is the age level of the young people you are helping? _____

When did you start working with them? (Month/year) _____

Approximately how many hours a week do you work with them? _____

Please list two personal references who are not family members. One of them should be an individual who is responsible for supervising your community service work.

1. _____ 2. _____
(Name) (Name)

(Occupation) (Occupation)

(Address) (Address)

(City/state/zip code) (City/state/zip code)

(Area code/daytime phone number) (Area code/daytime phone number)

Date: _____ Your signature: _____

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Please return your reference letter to the applicant, so she may forward it to us with her application.

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APPLICANT'S ESSAY

Please use this page, or use your own, to write a one-page essay about your “contribution to the well-being of young people in your community.” Your essay should tell why you were motivated to do this work, how this work is important in improving the well-being of young people, what you believe it has accomplished, and what you learned from this experience. (Keep in mind that if you become the recipient of this educational award, an editor may work with you to publish your essay in The Christian Science Monitor.)